

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I missed votes because I tested positive for Covid-19.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 228.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GUY RESCENTIALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 228.

IN HONOR OF DR. ANN ALBRIGHT

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Ann Albright, and to celebrate her extraordinary contributions to the diabetes community in light of her retirement.

While I am saddened to see Dr. Albright leave the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, I know we are all eternally grateful for the time she has spent—both at the CDC, and throughout her career—as a national leader in the fight against diabetes.

While at the CDC, she led the development and implementation of the National Diabetes Prevention Program—the nation's top program working to prevent and delay the onset of type 2 diabetes.

Dr. Albright's innovative approach to diabetes prevention translated a well-established preventative care study into a successful, nationwide program. Her work to expand access to diabetes care was unparalleled—she also spent time working with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to establish and implement Medicare coverage for the National DPP lifestyle intervention program.

Prior to her time at the CDC, Dr. Albright served as Chief of the California Diabetes Program for the California Department of Health Services. She also served as President of Health Care and Education for the American Diabetes Association, Senior Health Policy Advisor in the Office of the United States Surgeon General and led the Secretary of Health's Diabetes Detection Initiative.

I'm among the countless people who have been lucky enough to work alongside Dr. Albright as we search for innovative ways to treat and prevent diabetes. We appreciate her compassion and dedication in all her profes-

sional and community roles. Her spirit and energy have helped thousands of people across our country, and I know she will be sorely missed.

I join with Dr. Albright's colleagues, peers, and all those she has served throughout her career to thank her for her outstanding efforts to better the lives of others, and I wish her many happy years of retirement.

CONGRATULATING FATIMA HIGH SCHOOL'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2020 CLASS III STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Fatima Comets cross country team for winning the 2020 Missouri Class III State title.

This team and Coach Marc Bridges should be commended for their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state title to their school and community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Fatima Comets cross country team for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING ALBERT GEORGE SIPKA

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Albert George Sipka, of Warren, Ohio, who will soon celebrate his 100th birthday on December 12th.

Albert was born to George and Susan Sipka in Duquesne, Pennsylvania in 1920. Albert was raised in Newton Falls, Ohio, which is located in my Congressional District. He graduated from Newtown Falls High School in 1938.

Mr. Sipka enlisted in the Navy on October 16, 1942 and served until November of 1945. During his service, he served as a cook on a ship in the Pacific. Four of the six Sipka brothers bravely served during World War II. Taking advantage of the GI Bill, Albert graduated from Kent State University in 1951 with a degree in Business Administration.

Shortly before enlisting, Albert married the love of his life, Theresa Novak. They married on February 8, 1942 and had two children, Albert and Elaine. He also has four grandchildren—Jessica, Donna, Albert, and Allison. Albert also took care of his dear Theresa during her 15-year battle with Alzheimer's. This shows how serious Albert was to the vows of his marriage, his character, and his dedication to family.

The majority of Albert's working life was with General Motors, Packard Electric Division. During one period, when he was laid off from General Motors, he purchased a Dairy Queen in Windham, Ohio, and operated it for several years.

Mr. Sipka is a great supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, having been active in scouting and taking numerous canoe trips to Canada over the years. Albert's Christian faith is a deep aspect of his life. He has also enjoyed traveling, snorkeling, canoeing, and gardening.

Albert contributes his long life to his family, having good and hard-working parents and five brothers that always got along. There is no doubt that Albert is a hard-worker and has enlisted this trait to his children and grandchildren. Mr. Sipka's daughter-in-law, Diane, is my neighbor, and I am honored to wish him the happiest of birthdays. Please join me in congratulating Albert and his family for this milestone and thanking him for his service to our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF RYAN BATES

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ryan Bates and his years of distinguished service with Michigan United. His leadership and community impact are worthy of commendation.

Ryan Bates is the founding director of Michigan United, a statewide coalition of 100 organizations that work together to achieve economic, social, and racial justice in Michigan. In this capacity, Ryan has led the coalition to extend its mission statewide, encouraging all to use their voices to advocate for a just, equitable, and sustainable future. As a Michigan native and graduate of the University of Michigan, Ryan deeply understands the needs of the state community and has dedicated his career to effecting positive change throughout the state. Previously, Ryan has been an organizer for the Michigan Raise the Wage Coalition, Environment Michigan, and the Gamaliel Foundation. In addition, Ryan has overseen four successful Michigan State House races and worked with Reform Immigration for America across the Midwest.

Throughout Michigan, Ryan Bates is recognized as a humble, compassionate, and effective leader who strives to make a difference. He seeks to build bridges that unite communities and draw people together, and he has committed himself to fighting for a brighter future for all. Ryan has been a strong voice for communities across Michigan and has brought critical awareness to significant issues affecting the state. His leadership has made a lasting difference, and we are grateful for his years of dedicated service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ryan Bates. We are proud to

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